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Application No.09/723,795	)	For: METHOD AND APPARATUS
Kenneth D. Easton, et al.	)	FOR PROCESSING A RECEIVED
	)	SIGNAL IN A
	)	COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM
Attorney Docket No. PA990097	)	
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UNDER 37 CFR § 1.97(b)**

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicants, through their attorney, submit herewith references of which they are aware, which they believe may be material to the examination of this application and with respect to which there may be a duty to disclose in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.56.

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A list of the references cited herein is set forth on Form PTO-1449 which is enclosed herewith in duplicate along with a copy of each cited reference. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner return to Applicants the enclosed copy of the Form PTO-1449 indicating consideration of the references.

The subject application is believed patentable over any of the above-references.

Respectfully submitted,

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